(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the New Catering Policy would be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. New Catering Policy, 2005 has already been formulated which is effective from 16.03.2005.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Establishment of Railway Recruitment Board Office at Bilaspur

1411: SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from State Government for establishment of Railway Recruitment Board Office at Bilaspur;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider a Railway Recruitment Office at Bilaspur considering strong public demand to cater to the needs of the unemployed and educated youth of the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) Railway Recruitment Board at Bilaspur is not considered justified. There are already nineteen Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) situated all over the country. These RRBs are able to meet the recruitment requirements of the Indian Railways adequately. The RRBs have been established based on territorial jurisdiction of the Indian Railways and not on the basis of State(s), Zones/Regions. In fact, the RRBs freely accept the applications from the candidates all over the country in response to their advertisements and do not make any discrimination on the basis of State, Region or Area. Bilaspur area is catered adequately by RRB/Bhopal. Also, examination centres are arranged in Bhilai, Raipur and Chhattisgarh by RRB/Bhopal, keeping in view the number of candidates belonging to Chhattisgarh State.